



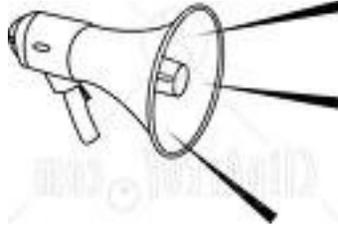
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Change in STD Testing Service

Effective Thursday, November 15, 2012, the Alabama Department of Public Health Bureau of Clinical Laboratories will begin analyzing every specimen received for STD testing as a panel to include detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT), *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC), and *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV) using Gen-Probe's APTIMA target amplification nucleic acid probe assay and TIGRIS automated system. The use of a single sample for three analytes will simplify the algorithm and increase efficiency for testing. Each entity requesting this test will therefore receive results for all three analytes.

Please contact Charlene Thomas, Quality Management Manager, or Fleetwood Hines, STD Manager, at 334-260-3400 if there are any questions regarding this change in service.

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